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N.U.T.S CLUB

# The Token Hunter

N.U.T.S.

National Utah Token Society

*Dedicated to the collecting, recording and preserving of Utah's historical medals, tokens, coins and bottles*

## President's Message



Happy New Year,

I hope that everyone is ready for a fantastic year. One in which we will be prosperous in health, family, finance and finding awesome items from the ground with our great hobby of metal detecting.

I would like to take a moment to thank our 2012 Club Officers and Wagonmasters along with the cool/collective leadership of Mike Morey.

They have done a magnificent job.

A warm welcome goes out to our new 2013 Club Officers and Wagonmasters. Our goal this year is to continue and build upon the successful momentum from the past several years.

We have great meetings planned with club auctions, find of the month (starting in March), a bourse night, several club outings, along with some riveting speakers.

With our first meeting (Jan. 24th) we will have the swearing in of the 2012 club officers and board members. Our speaker this month will be

Mr. Douglas Nyholm. He will be speaking on counterfeit coins. This will be a very interesting presentation. Bring your counterfeit coins to show Doug.

Throughout this year let's build upon the great fellowship of this club with continued courtesy and kindness to everyone. If you know of someone that we have not seen in attendance for a while, or someone interested in our hobby, invite them out to our meetings.

Thanks everyone for your combined support and involvement. It is indeed my honor and privilege to be in this position again.

Let's all look forward to a great 2013.

See ya at the meeting.

Todd S. Monson



Mike & Lisa



Eldon Farnsworth



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Don't forget about the drawing we will  
have lots of great prizes



Next Meeting is January  
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**Please bring in  
any Library books  
that you have  
checked out**

No finds of the month till  
weather permits

**COming together is a beginning:  
Keeping together is progress:  
Working together is success  
Henry Ford**

# Miscellaneous club news

**January meeting is the 24th at 7:00  
PM @ Columbus Community Center  
2530 So. 400 E.**



**Officers for 2013**

# Certifiably N.U.T.S

Metal Detecting is much more than a hobby for the National Utah Token Society. Or N.U.T.S is dedicated to collecting and preserving Utah's historical medals, tokens, coins, and bottles. For instance, when a park in Salt Lake City was being resod, the society received permission to search the grounds. In one section they found older coins, military insignia from clothing and old muzzleloader bullets. At some point, the park may have been a camp for Johnston's army when they moved through Utah during the 1852 Mormon War.

"We have donated some of our finds to museums and found evidence of towns rumored to exist," Says Mike Morey, N.U.T.S. president for the past two years. Mike got into metal detecting when he was in grade school and his dad bought him a metal detector for Christmas. He hunted for dropped coins in his schoolyard. The first time he scouted he found a gold ring, but over time he lost interest in the hobby. Seven years ago at Cabela's his wife asked him what he wanted for his birthday and he chose a metal detector. "I've always been interested in history" Mike says. Members of the society do historical research to find the best places to look. They pursue old city street maps, fire insurance books, and articles for information. "The internet has opened up the world," Mike Says.

He encourages people to get out and talk to seniors to learn about the history of places and figure out where to search for historical objects. "So much history hasn't been preserved," he says. "We can go out and recover an artifact that documents and validates a person's story. A downtown Salt Lake tire dealership could have been an old tavern one hundred years ago."

Fields, demolition projects, and sites where homes have been removed are also good places to look. The society has received permission to go into former schoolhouses and churches. In such places they find old marbles and historical coins such as buffalo nickels, silver dollars, and rare gold coins.

They find old trade tokens too. During certain times in Utah and other states there was a shortage of coinage. For example, during the Civil War copper wasn't available, and transportation was often a problem. Tokens were used as a form of advertising and commerce. In the 1930's changes in federal law eliminated tokens. Now tokens can be very valuable. Mike recently saw one sold on EBay for over \$300.00.

Other good places to look include anywhere people have gathered such as campsites and old baseball fields. Near the Railroads padlocks and Union Pacific chauffeur badges from when taxi was a Model T.

According to N.U.T.S. code of ethics it's important to respect property and obtain permission. Some places such as Camp Floyd are prohibited. Several other areas in Utah such as parks in Fillmore and Midway are off limits as well.

:Be there legally and be kind to the people who allowed you on their property," Says Mike. "A bit of skill is involved. You don't want to leave big holes in a soccer field. There are ways to use a probe and nudge a coin up through the grass."

The society meets once a month and brings in guest speakers and historians. They show their finds of the month and award prizes to whoever finds the oldest coins.

This article was written by Alice Beesley for Utah Stories Shopping Guide

# 2013 N.U.T.S. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

## NATIONAL UTAH TOKEN SOCIETY

2010 Meetings are on the 4th Thursday of the Month.  
With August, November and December to be determined.

Meetings are at the Columbus Community Center  
2531 South 400 East, South Salt Lake, Utah

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Names

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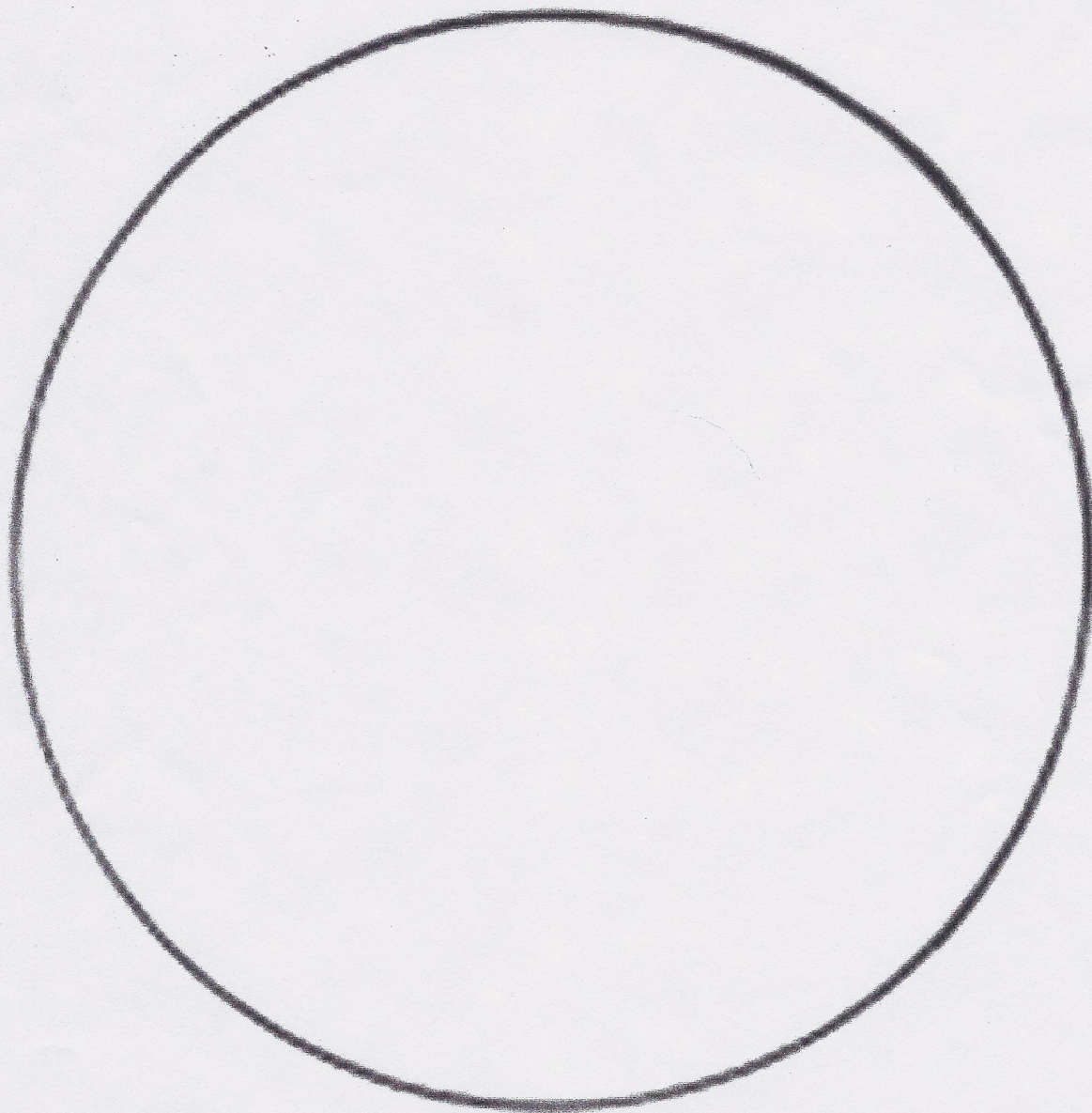
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# N.U.T.S. MEDAL DESIGN SUBMISSION



NUTS members it is time to submit your designs for the 2010 club medal. There is no specific theme required for the medal . Photographs may be used for a design as well as artwork. If a photo is used it needs to be sharp and clear with distinct lines. For example pictures of buildings work well. **Remember permission must be obtained to use copy written material.**

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